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## F. VAN HOOSER ASKS \$30,000

Claims He Was Forced To  
Join The Night Riders  
In 1908.

NAMES 20 DEFENDANTS.

Some Prominent Men Impli-  
cated By A Sensational  
Suit Filed at Owensboro.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 27.—One of the most sensational night rider cases ever filed in Western Kentucky was lodged in United States Court Clerk's office in this city Friday when J. F. Van Hooser, Putnam county, Tennessee, asked damages in the sum of \$30,000 from twenty citizens of Christian county. The defendants in the action are A. A. Robinson, Bud Duke, Oliver Cook, E. G. Robinson, Wesley Meacham, Geo. Adkinson, Bernard Adkinson, B. F. McKinney, John R. Johnson, Geo. Barnes, John G. Henderson, David Smith, William Harrison, James Corley, Melrose McKinney, Waller Martin, Oscar Wilson, Robert Overton, Geo. Graves, John Thomas, Johnson and Ephraim Hill. The plaintiff to the action lived on a farm in Christian county for twenty-five years. He states that he refused to join any of the tobacco societies or pool his tobacco and gained the hatred of members of the societies and a secret organization known as the "night riders." The petition alleges that during December, 1909 he was visited by a band of masked men, who took him from his home and, by force, made him take the night rider oath. He then went to Hopkinsville and joined the Law and Order League. He alleges that, from that time forward, his life was made miserable by the acts of the defendants, and that he was finally forced to leave the State and seek refuge in Tennessee. He claims that he has been damaged to the extent of \$30,000. Service has been secured on all of the defendants.

The men all live in the northern portion of the county excepting David Smith, of this city. He is a former Deputy Sheriff and last year was an unsuccessful candidate for the office of which he had been deprived on a technicality. Whatever may be the cause of action against the other defendants, no one will believe the allegations can apply to David Smith. Other prominent

men in the list are Oscar Wilson, one of the jury commissioners for 1908, and Waller Martin one of the newly elected members of the Fiscal Court. One of the bands of night riders who participated in the raids on Hopkinsville came from the section where most of the defendants live and the trial of the case is expected to bring out some valuable information for future criminal prosecutions, which it is understood will be resumed under the improved conditions another year.

### About Grapefruit.

The crop of pomelos, otherwise called grapefruit is this year 4,000,000 boxes. This popular breakfast fruit prior to 1885 was practically unknown. Since the grapefruit was "discovered" commercially, largely through the Department of Agriculture, its cultivation has grown in Florida, Jamaica and the Isle of Pines to an enormous source of wealth and has been taken on in California with some success. Florida produces about 1,000,000 boxes of the total 4,000,000, and has become the grapefruit garden of the world.

They are called "grapefruit" because they grow in clusters of a dozen or so like enormous yellow grapes. Growing, the grapefruit is spectacular, dangling in great bunches of pale yellow globes on a tree that attains the height of thirty feet. The fruit, no longer despised, ships well, and its pungent flavor has made a piquant appeal to the jaded stomachs of an overworked nation. That it is such an exclusive product of pomologists has heightened the interests in its production and its marketing, and has made it one of the conspicuously unique products of the new century.

The pomelo was brought to Florida together with other members of the genus Citrus, by the Spaniards, who under the leadership of Ponce de Leon, first landed upon the east coast of Florida, in the year 1513.

### SEVENTH VICTIM,

Mrs. Ora Arnold, of Boyle  
County, Dies As Result  
of Burns.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Ora Arnold, wife of Shelby Arnold, a prominent farmer near here, died Friday as a result of burns sustained from her clothing igniting while standing in front of an open grate. Mrs. Arnold is the seventh woman in this immediate locality who has been burned to death in the same manner in the past ten days.

Soothes itching skin. Heals cuts or burns without a scar. Cures piles, eczema, salt rheum, any itching. Doan's Ointment. Your druggist sells it.

## CHRISTMAS FIGHTS.

No Serious Disorders Characterized the Opening  
of Holiday Season.

There have been no serious fights in the city this year, although the Christmas holidays have brought greater crowds to town than ever known before.

Friday a man named Lee Blankenship stabbed George Bullard in the back in Cannon's saloon. The knife struck his shoulder blade and made only a slight wound. A stranger named R. Y. Gunn resisted arrest by officers W. E. Shanklin and E. T. Shanklin, near the L. & N. depot Saturday night and created some disorder. He was in a store terrorizing the proprietor with some loud talk when the officers appeared and arrested him.

### ELKS SENT BASKETS

To Large Number of Worthy  
Poor Families in City.

The Elks as usual sent out many Christmas baskets this year to gladden the homes of the poor and deserving widows of the city. Not all of the baskets were sent to widows, but most of them were. It has long been a custom of the Hopkinsville Lodge to send out these charity baskets on Christmas and the custom is so well established that it has been made a part of the lodge's regular work and an addition of \$1 was made to the annual dues last spring. This provides a charity fund of from \$200 to \$250 without taking up a special collection. The baskets were packed by a special committee with groceries, fruits and confectioneries and wherever they were left, blessings followed the order that has made organized charity a part of its lodge duties.

### BRAME-JENKINS.

Bride Christian County  
Teacher and Groom of  
California.

Maxey M. Brame, of Bakersfield, California, and Miss Pearl Jenkins, principal of the Crofton school, were married Sunday afternoon and left at once for the Pacific coast, where they will reside.

The groom is a native of this county, having been reared at Lafayette, but went to California about eight years ago.

His bride has been a teacher for several years and is quite popular. She resigned her position as principal of the Crofton school Friday.

### AGED LADY

Dies Rather Suddenly Near  
Kelly.

Mrs. Melissa Boyd died rather suddenly at the home of her son, Mark Boyd, near Kelly, Friday night. She ate a hearty supper and shortly after retiring was taken ill, passing away in a few hours. Mrs. Boyd was about 80 years old. She is survived by three children, Mark Boyd, deputy sheriff John Boyd and Mrs. William Davis. The interment took place in the family burying ground, a few miles east of Kelly Saturday afternoon.

### CUT IN THE NECK.

Trouble at Cerulean Christmas Eve.

In a difficulty between B. F. Smith and Oscar Brashears at Cerulean Springs Friday the former was cut in the neck but not seriously wounded. Six stitches were taken in order to close up the gash. It was not learned what caused the trouble. Brashears was arrested and later was released on a bond of \$500.

### Brought Fancy Prices.

Mr. G. W. McKnight, of Howell, sold four fine Duroc Jersey sows to

Mr. Sam Sullivan, Wakefield, Ky., and four to Mr. John Chambers, Shepherdsville, Ky., at very fancy prices. At the price of hogs this fall it will pay to raise the best, as the market demands it now, and why not raise the thoroughbred when you can get 10c a pound?

### SUICIDAL TENDENCY

Has Woman Sent Western  
Asylum.

Mrs. Mollie Armer, wife of Mr. Levy Armer, of the Honey Grove neighborhood, was adjudged of unsound mind by a jury in county court Friday afternoon and ordered taken to Western Asylum for treatment. Mrs. Armer is 54 years old. The cause of her insanity was not developed at the trial but she has a suicidal tendency.

### FIRE AT TRENTON.

Several Houses Destroyed  
by Flames.

Fire Saturday night at Trenton destroyed several business houses, including the post-office, also two dwellings and some outbuildings. The loss is said to be several thousand dollars, with only partial insurance. It is thought that the flames originated from fire from a roman candle falling on a roof.

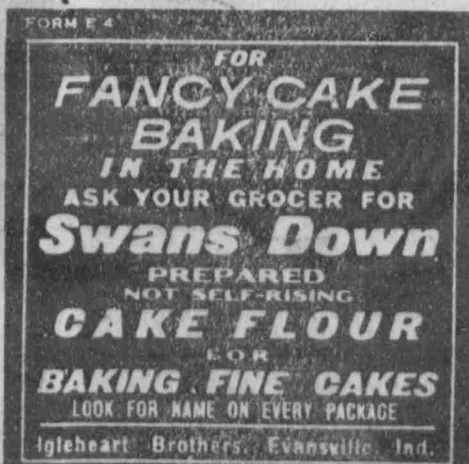
### Value of Insurance.

Fires originate in unexpected places and from unknown causes. Doubtless some one who reads this article will sustain the next loss. Are YOU insured and have you the best insurance your money can buy? The Giant Insurance Agency (Incorporated), settles their losses promptly and equitably and guarantees to sell their policies at as low rate as any company doing business. Office in First National Bank building. Both 'phones.

### Miss Davison Entertains

Miss Ellen Davison gave a six o'clock dinner last evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davison. Those present were Misses Frances Summers, Sara Cooper, Emily Kelly, Katherine Long, and Maria Davison; Messrs. Kenneth Cayce, Milton Moore, Albert Brownell, John Cate, Page Blakemore, Alvin Clark.

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## XMAS

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for their liberal patronage during the  
past year, and wish  
them all a happy and  
prosperous new year.

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Hopkinsville, Ky.

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Its Directors are all well known men selected for their business ability and financial standing.

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Hopkinsville, Kentucky

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### Whisky--Straight

100 proof a 4 whisky for \$3 per gallon.  
Bottled in Bond whisky, 98c for FULL QUARTS.  
Whisky from \$1.75 to \$5 per gallon.

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